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TEACHER STUDENT RATIO IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the teacher student ratio for primary schools at present in the hilly, tribal and rural areas in the country;

(b) whether the number of teachers provided to the primary schools is not as per the established ratio;

(c) if so, whether the Government propose to issue instructions to the State governments to strictly adhere to the student teacher ratio in the hilly and tribal areas;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

(a) : According to the latest available information (1998- 99) the teacher student ratio in primary schools is 1 : 42. This information is not maintained separately for hilly, tribal or rural areas.

(b) to (e) : The Programme of Action ofthe National Policy of Education 1992, suggests a 1:40 teacher pupil ratio. Under the scheme of Operation Blackboard, a postof primary school teacher was provided to convert single teacher schools as on 30.9.1986 into double teacher schools. Since 1993, a provision has been made for a third teacher in primary schools with enrolment more than 100.

Under District Primary Education Programme(DPEP) teachers' posts have been provided in schools where the enrolmentand the teacher pupil ratio warrant such appointment.